

I fully support Petition RM-10811, concerning the need to preserve and maintain a modicum of American Morse code (i.e., CW) skill in the ranks of amateur radio operators. Just as "hams" who operate only in the VHF/UHF bands must know the regulations applying to HF operation, and radio amateurs who handle only domestic third-party messages must know the regulations concerning international third-party messages, so should hams who operate only phone modes know Morse at a basic level: it is a fundamental skill which is irreplaceable in circumstances which radio amateurs might, quite unexpectedly, find themselves. The fact that the need for such a skill is unforeseeable does not mean it is unnecessary.